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Salamonie 'Tweens Among the Trees' Forest School underway

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from November 2021 through April 2022 at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesdays: Nov. 3, 2021; Dec. 8, 2021; Jan. 5, 2022; Feb. 2, 2022; March 2, 2020; and April 20, 2022. The program fee for the package of six sessions is \$60 per child, ages 6 to 13; additional siblings are \$50. Advance registration is required. Limited space

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Lorissa Sweet announces Indiana House candidacy

Wabash County Councilmember to seek newly redrawn District 50 seat

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Monday, Wabash County Councilmember Lorissa Sweet announced she would be running for the newly redrawn Indiana

House of Representatives District 50 seat.

Sweet is a 1997 graduate of Maconaquah High School and a 2001 graduate of Purdue University. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in animal agribusiness.

After graduation, Lorissa worked for several years in the veterinary industry. In 2009 she opened Sweet Grooms out of her home, "to be more available" for her family.

In 2021, she started another new business called Sweet Occasions LLC, a wedding trailer and decor rental business.

In 2015, Sweet said she "felt called" to become involved in politics as she "worried about the direction the country was headed."

Sweet said she wanted "to do something for the sake of her children and future generations." She said she began educating herself on

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Woman's Clubhouse buzzes with excitement



Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

During the October monthly luncheon at the Woman's Clubhouse, presenter Dennis Grumpp, a retired MSD teacher, hosted the program "Bee' My Honey."

This month's luncheon and program will be held Tuesday, Nov. 9

By **ROB BURGESS**
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During the October monthly luncheon at the Woman's Clubhouse, presenter Dennis Grumpp, a retired MSD teacher, hosted the program "Bee' My Honey."

Grumpp spoke to the group about the "contribution of honey bees to our lives," said Ellen Stouffer.

Grumpp said he became interested in beekeeping through his family.

"I began my beekeeping adventure in the fall of 2015 as a hobby and through the encouragement of my cousin, who himself was a beekeeper for over 30 years,"

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Local Veterans Day services, Hero Memorial dedication planned

Nameplates on new installation are still available for purchase

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

After COVID-19 restrictions put a damper on similar recent events, local organizers are planning to honor those who served this Veteran's Day.

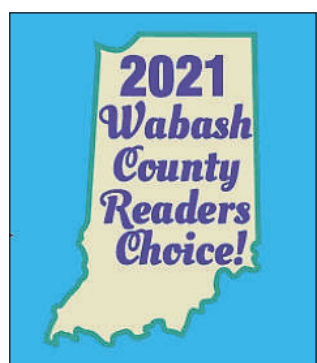
For the second year in a row, the Wabash County Memorial Day services were not held due to the pandemic. Wabash County veterans service Samuel Daugherty said the annual event had been planned for the North Lawn of the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 31. Due to Gov. Eric Holcomb's

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The city and Visit Wabash County will hold the official dedication for the new Wabash County Hero Memorial at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, just north of the Wabash Street bridge.



'Best of Wabash County' voting ends soon

The deadline is noon Saturday, Nov. 6

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

There are only a few days left to vote in the Plain Dealer's annual Best of Wabash County contest.

Voting may be done daily until the deadline of noon Saturday, Nov. 6.

Voting is currently open online by visiting <https://wabashplaindealer.secondstreetapp.com/Wabash-Countys-Greatest-2021/nov>.

Some of the entries listed below have been updated since they were first published when the voting period began.

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Wabash Marketplace kicking off holiday season with Jingle Jubilee

Downtown welcoming families, friends for 'holiday jubilation'

STAFF REPORT

Wabash Marketplace is hosting Jingle Jubilee, formerly known as Downtown Holiday Night to Remember, from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19 in downtown Wabash, according to public relations and marketing manager Morgan Ellis.

"The event has a new name but will feature all of the same community activities as year's past," said Ellis. "Jingle Jubilee is free and welcome to

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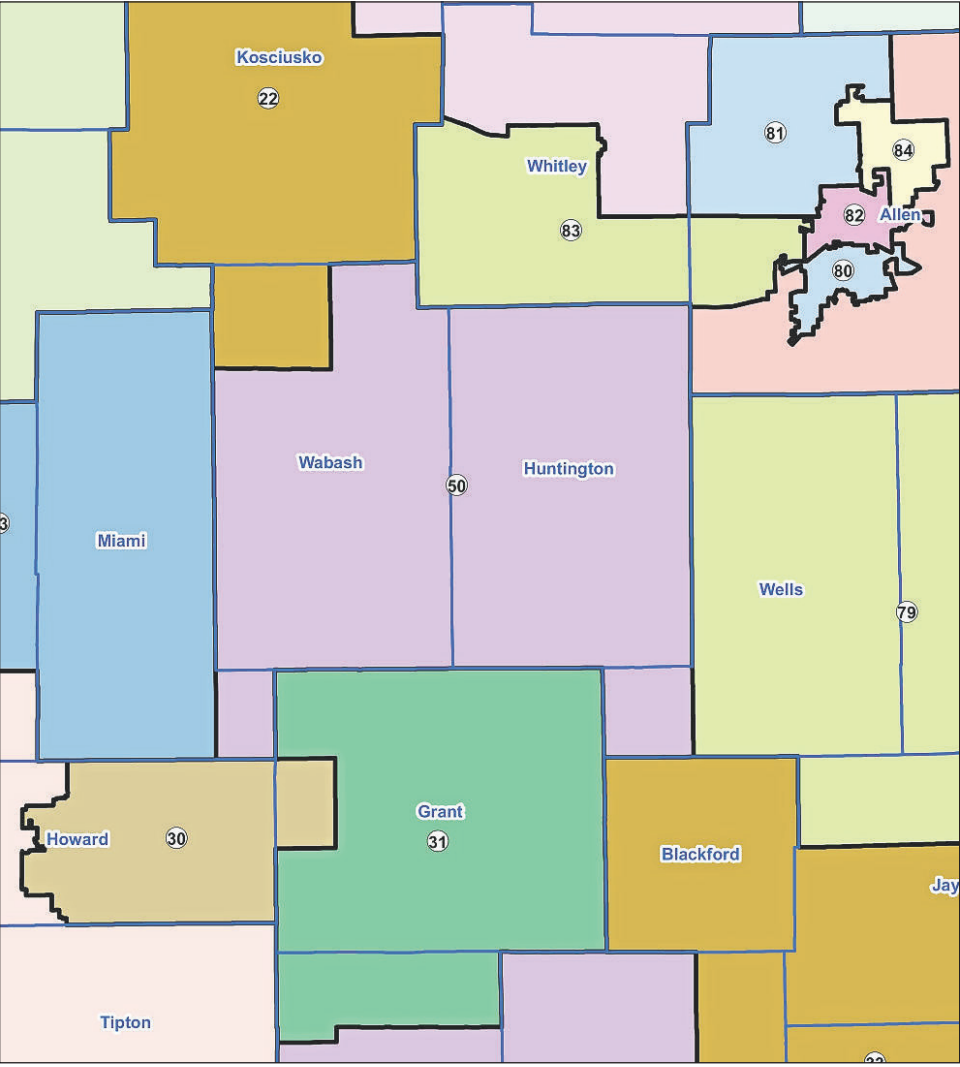
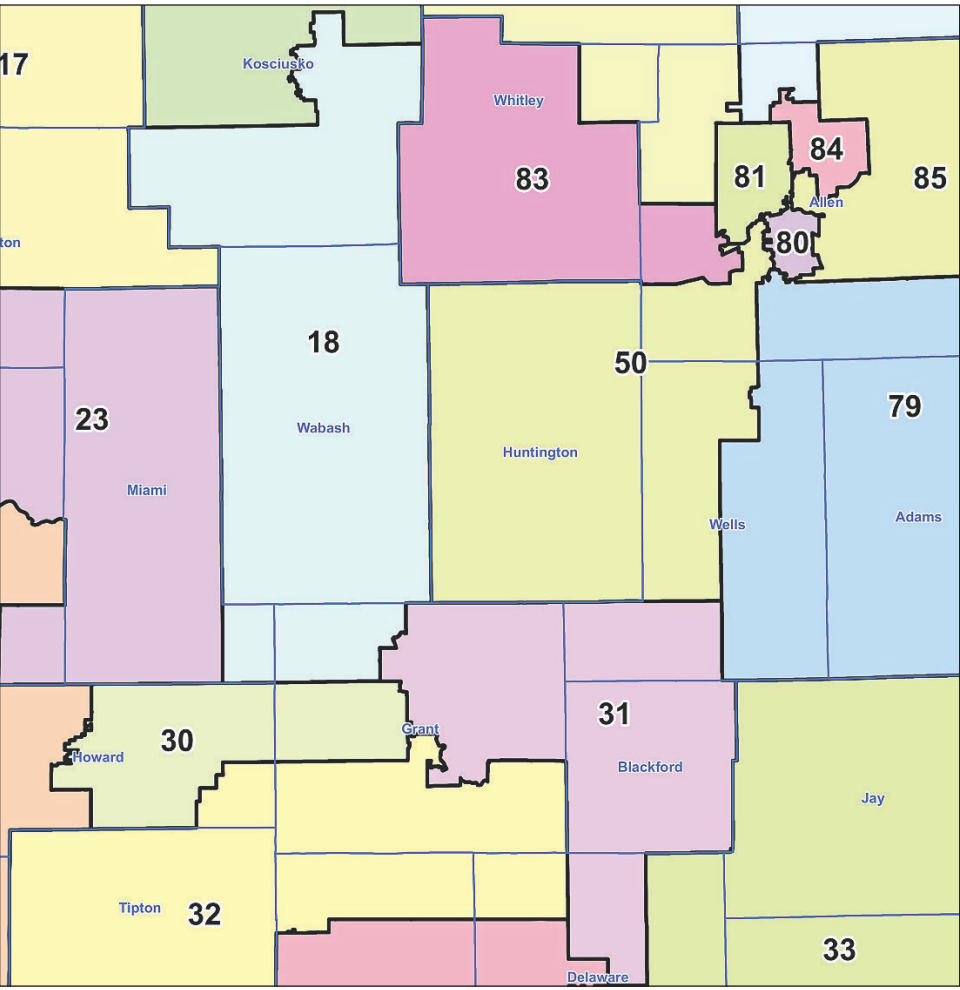
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TOP: These were the local Indiana House of Representatives districts before the latest redistricting. **ABOVE:** These are the local Indiana House of Representatives districts as they appear now after the latest redistricting.

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“different offices and learning political processes.”

In January 2016, Sweet filed her candidacy for Wabash County Council at Large, Precinct Committeeman and Republican State Delegate. She said she spent the next several months “knocking on doors and meeting the voters.”

In May 2016, she won all three positions on the primary ballot. She is now in her second term serving on the Wabash County Council. Her current term expires in 2024.

As a member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, she is involved in the women’s ministry, helping with women’s events, decorating and leading Bible studies. Together with her husband, Jeremy Sweet, they lead a small group and volunteer for summer youth programs. They also serve on the Secretariat for Brethren Way of Christ and Faith Quest, which are weekend spiritual retreats for adults and teens. They have been married for 20 years and have two daughters.

In September, Sweet was one of the featured speakers at the “Save America Freedom Rally” held on the steps of the Wabash County Courthouse. Sweet said “the past year’s unconstitutional edicts, mandates, and shutdowns have especially hurt small businesses,” including her own.

“As a mother, and one day grandmother, my hope is to preserve our rights and freedoms for the future generations and leave things better than they are currently,” said Sweet. “It’s my duty to fight for my children, their future and the lives I want to leave them.”

Sweet says it was her core values of “faith, family and freedom” that were driving her to run.

“I don’t feel like these values have been represented at the Statehouse recently, especially in the last year,” said Sweet. “My children and future grandchildren deserve better.”

Sweet said her experiences as a business owner and councilwoman have “opened her eyes to the needs at a local level that need to be addressed at the Statehouse.”

“Small, rural counties do not have the same needs as metropolitan districts and we deserve representation,” said Sweet.

Sweet said as a member of the fiscal body of the county, she would use her “budgeting experience at the state level to reduce wasteful spending, balance the budget and lower or eliminate some of the tax burdens on Hoosiers.”

Sweet said she is a “constitutional conservative.”

“I will fight for your right to make decisions concerning the health of you and your family, your children’s education, and your ability to work and worship unhindered,” said Sweet.

Sweet said she vowed to “defend and uphold the Constitution” and “fight to preserve rights and freedoms for future generations.”

“This includes the right to bear arms and protect yourself and others,” said Sweet. “Life begins at conception. Our children are our future and need to be protected. It is our responsibility to protect the most vulnerable among us, no matter the age.”

Once per decade, the congressional, Indiana Senate and Indiana House of Representatives districts are redrawn in accordance with the results of the latest census.

Previously, all of Wabash County and parts of Kosciusko, Grant and Howard counties were covered by Indiana House District 18, represented by Rep. Craig Snow, R-Warsaw.

Now, Indiana House District 50 represents Hun-

tington County and all of Wabash County, except at Pleasant Township. It also covers Jackson Township in Miami County and Jackson Township in Wells County. The district is represented by Rep. Daniel Leonard, R-Huntington.

Leonard, who has served as the representative for the 50th district since 2002, is no stranger to primary challenges. In 2020, he narrowly prevailed against John Stoeffel in the Republican primary, winning with 53.7 percent of the vote before winning easily against Democratic candidate Jorge Fernandez in the general election.






Because the 50th district has historically voted overwhelmingly for the Republican Party, Leonard said that the primary is often more challenging than the general election. With the significant change in the makeup of the district, Leonard said that he knows the challenges he will face in getting to know potential new constituents and voters.

“I think my past history of representing portions of Whitley County and all of Huntington County and part of Allen County and part of Wells County kind of speaks for itself,” Leonard said. “We’ve been able to get a lot done. We’ve been able to bring a lot of grants and money back to the district. Some of that is – I can’t say that it’s based on seniority, but having some history in the General Assembly does help bring a lot of things back to the district you represent.”

On Tuesday, Indiana Secretary of State Holli Sullivan’s director of communications Allen Carter said candidate filing does not begin until Jan. 5, 2022, and will extend until Feb. 4, 2022.





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5-Day Weather Summary

 Wednesday Partly Cloudy 47 / 30	 Thursday Partly Cloudy 46 / 29	 Friday Mostly Sunny 49 / 30	 Saturday Mostly Sunny 52 / 33	 Sunday Partly Cloudy 54 / 36
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 6:38 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 8:15 a.m.

 New 11/4	 First 11/11	 Full 11/19	 Last 11/27
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 47°, humidity of 50%. Northwest wind 2 to 5 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 30°. North northeast wind 4 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 29°. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 46°, humidity of 55%.

CLUBHOUSE

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said Grumpp. “I had helped him with his annual harvest several years before and was bitten by the beekeeping bug or should I say stung by the bee.”

Grumpp said in spring 2016, he started two hives. In fall 2016, he added another hive and moved from central to north-central Indiana. In 2017 he harvested his first small honey crop.

“In 2020, we grew to seven hives, one for each grandchild,” said Grumpp.

This year, Grumpp said they saw an increase to a dozen hives.

“My goal is to overwinter as many of the 12 hives as possible,” said Grumpp.

In 2019, Grumpp said he decided to name this hobby. Once again, Grumpp said family was on his mind.

“The name I chose, M. B. Gleme Bee Farm, is dedicated to our grandchildren. Each of our seven grandchildren has a hive painted with their favorite color.

The first letter of their first name makes up our bee farm name,” said Grumpp. “The M is for Madeline, our first born grandchild. The B is for Brooklyn, our second born. The letters G, L, E, M and E are for Grayson, Luke, Ella, Micah and our last born, Elizabeth, all letters in the order of their birth. Thus, M. B. Gleme. When Ella was in the second grade, she drew a picture of a honeybee for me. I decided it would be our logo and I say it was created, with love, by Ella.”

Grumpp said to date they have harvested over 500 pounds of raw honey and many rounds and squares of comb honey.

Grumpp said normally the year begins in January, but the beekeeping year, just like schools, begins in August.

“This is a critical time as the colony is beginning their winter preparations,” said Grumpp. “Winter bees,



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

M. B. Gleme Bee Farm, is dedicated to Dennis Grumpp's grandchildren. Each of his seven grandchildren has a hive painted with their favorite color.

which will live through the next 6 months will soon be born. Food stores must be available to feed everyone until nectar flows begin in the spring.”

Grumpp said September is a time the colony is reducing in numbers

“It’s a good time to reduce the space for the bees to manage,” said Grumpp.

Grumpp said in October, they allow for supplemental feeding of sugar water if the hive is light on food stores. By December, final preparations are made for winter.

Grumpp said January is a good time to catch up on projects including inventorying equipment, adding additional boxes and frames and generally preparing for spring. By March, Grumpp said it’s usually time “for a quick peek in the hive.”

“This is the time colonies are ramping up production of baby bees and they need lots

of food,” said Grumpp. “This is when colonies can starve to death.”

Grumpp said by April, the queen is in expansion mode and by May, the hives are growing fast.

“Be prepared to avoid swarming,” said Grumpp. “It’s a good time to make splits and add colonies.”

Grumpp said by July, nectar flows usually begin to slow, and it will soon be harvest time.

This month, the Woman’s Clubhouse will hold its monthly luncheon and program Tuesday, Nov. 9. The program will follow, with Stouffer as the presenter. Make your reservations for the luncheon by Friday, Nov. 5 by calling Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613 or Jody LaSalle at 619-990-7088.

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people of all ages, inspiring the cheerful hometown holiday spirit. Guests are invited to enjoy downtown shopping, holiday lights, hot cocoa, live reindeer, Santa and so much more.”

The popular stamping map will be available for guests to complete for a chance to win Jingle Bucks with cash values of up to \$1,000 and are eligible to be spent in businesses in downtown Wabash.

More than 20 businesses will participate in the Jingle Jubilee stamping map frenzy for one night only, on Friday, Nov. 19.

Jingle Bucks winners will be announced Live on 105.9 The Bash on Wednesday, Nov. 24.

Special events and family-friendly offerings around Downtown include:


- Holiday shopping and open houses at downtown businesses
- Outdoor Santa with live reindeer on Miami Street including make-your-own holiday snack mix, Modoc’s hot cocoa, “snowball” fight and storytime provided by Bachelor Creek Church.
- The lighting of the Wabash County Courthouse cupola with glow sticks and outdoor sing-along from 6:30-7 p.m.
- Stamping Map Contest

from 4 to 9 p.m.

- A public vote of the best holiday window display.
- Free rides on Trolley No. 85.
- Old Fashioned Christmas with Father Christmas, cookies and sleigh tram rides at Paradise Spring Historic Park.
- Acoustic music, hot cocoa and carolers at Wabash Landing will be provided by New Journey Church.
- Family-friendly buffet at Eagles Theatre with soup, salad, baked potatoes and sandwiches.

Additional Wabash Marketplace holiday events will be announced at later dates.

For more information, visit WabashMarketplace.org/ events.



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Old Fort Cluster Dog Shows 2021 planned

The Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club will host the Old Fort Cluster Dog Shows 2021 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Thursday, Nov. 4 through Sunday, Nov. 7 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne. The show will be free to attend Thursday, Nov. 4 and Friday, Nov. 5. An entry fee of \$7 for adults on Saturday, Nov. 6 and Sunday, Nov. 7 includes all of the events. Children's admission is free with a donation to the Pet Food Pantry of Fort Wayne. For more information, call 443-465-4703.

MU to celebrate 132 years with Friday, Nov. 5 parade

The parade led by the Spartan Pride Marching Band begins at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 5 at the corner of College Avenue and Wayne Street in North Manchester. It will go east on College Avenue and then north to Cordier Auditorium on the Manchester Mall, then south and over to the Jo Young Switzer Center for refreshments in Haist Commons. The public is welcome to watch the parade. Masks are not required outside on campus, but they must be worn inside all buildings.

Common Ground Prayer Ministry plans special gathering

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is an annual event scheduled for the first Sunday in November each year. Common Ground Prayer Ministry will hold a special prayer gathering in commemoration of this observance at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at the Wabash City Park Pavillion, 800 W. Hill St.

November Values, Ideas and the Arts series ongoing at Manchester

Manchester University's Values, Ideas and the Arts series presentations are at 11 a.m. Mondays in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. They are free and open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required. Some will be live-streamed at www.facebook.com/ManchesterUniv. Check the schedule at www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA for viewing updates. Nov. 8, the Rev. Steve Miller of the Truth & Reconciliation Oral History Project will speak about the power of spoken and documented words – our stories – to heal and create spiritual and social change. Nov. 15, Manchester University Success Advisor Chasity Lucio, a member of the Mi'kmaq Nation, will share what it is like to negotiate two lives, one being part of a collective community/culture, and the other being in the Midwest. Nov. 22, Martin Garcia Chavez, a 2016 Manchester graduate, will speak about his experience at MU and how it has helped him refine and fulfill his dream as a chemist. Nov. 29, Lucas Al-Zoughbi, a doctoral student and University Distinguished Fellow at Michigan State University, will share his own experiences and offers an introduction to the Palestinian struggle against Israeli settler-colonialism. The series wraps up for the semester on Dec. 6 with a presentation by Manchester University Archivist Jeanine Wine.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May 2022

for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays including Dec. 7, 2021; Jan. 4, 2022; Feb. 1, 2022; March 1, 2022; April 12, 2022; and May 3, 2022. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Nov. 16, 2021; Dec. 21, 2021; Jan. 18, 2022; Feb. 15, 2022; March 15, 2022; April 26, 2022; and May 17, 2022. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Dick Quigley Music Festival planned

The annual Dick Quigley Music Festival has been planned for the first and second weekends in November in Peru. Rob Noftger's Fascinating Rhythm, sponsored by Peru Maennerchor, has been planned from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at 154 S. Wabash St., Peru. The event will feature "the usual" carry-in dinner. Combo Night, sponsored by Peru Maennerchor and featuring the No Regrets Blues Band, has been planned for 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12 at 154 S. Wabash St., Peru. Big Band Night, featuring the 19-piece Quigley Jazz Band, has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Riverview Event Center, 421 W. Canal St., Peru.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold November meeting

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the Americans (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be about the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Tamra Wise at 574-527-2208 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 24 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Nov. 10 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Adam Bartrom to provide insight for a strong 2022 at GWC event

Grow Wabash County (GWC) will be hosting Adam Bartrom of Barnes & Thornburg out of Fort Wayne for a lunch and learn event from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the GWC conference room, 214 S. Wabash St. This event is free for Grow Wabash County investors and \$10 for the general public. Lunch will be provided, but space is limited and registration is required. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/bartrom.

Manchester takes on U Can Crush Hunger 2021 challenge

Manchester University and others are trying to

collect 100,000 pounds of food for Community Harvest Food Bank before Friday, Nov. 12. You may help by visiting https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=3H2RHBBK9GBS. If you would like to donate but are unable to put out donations, email serviceengagement@manchester.edu.

Zion Lutheran Church annual holiday bazaar planned

Zion Lutheran Church's annual holiday bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 at 173 Hale Drive, according to a press release. Some of the items offered are baked goods, candy, noodles, crafts and decorations.

Manchester Symphony Orchestra invites entries for concerto competition

In advance of the March 13, 2022 concert, the Manchester Symphony Orchestra invites vocalists, pianists and instrumentalists to register for its 2021-2022 season concerto competition. Competitors must be enrolled in a high school, home school program, college or university during the fall semester of 2021 to be eligible. The application fee is \$25. There are scholarship awards for high school division winners and cash awards for collegiate division winners. The competition is Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021, at Manchester University, and competition winners will perform with the orchestra at 3 p.m. March 13, 2022, during the Trailblazers concert. Tickets are \$15 for general admission. Admission is free for MU students, faculty and staff, as well as anyone age 18 and younger. Visit www.manchestersymphonyorchestra.org to buy tickets or register for the competition.

Dr. Ford Home announces history program for Nov. 23

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment welcomes guests of all ages to Dr. James Ford Historic Home, 177 W. Hill St., for a Wabash and Erie Canal history program with Jeff Koehler at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. For more information, visit HoneywellArts.org/dr-ford-home.

Friends of the NMPL holds handmade quilt raffle

The Friends of the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) will raffle off a handmade quilt by Cass Rish. Tickets will be sold through Tuesday, Nov. 23 at the NMPL. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the front desk for \$5 apiece or five tickets for \$20. Cash, checks or credit cards are all accepted. The winner will be drawn at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. Participants do not need to be present to win. For more information, call 260-982-4773 or email nmpl@nman.lib.in.us.

Manchester Civic Band plans Timbercrest and Peabody live performances

A Manchester Civic Band performance at Peabody Retirement Community has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1. This year's Timbercrest Retirement Community performances have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

WACT plans Christmas Madrigal Dinner Theater

On Friday, Dec. 3 and Saturday, Dec. 4, in conjunction with Honeywell Arts & Entertainment, the Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) will share its biennial Christmas Madrigal Dinner Theater in the Hon-

eywell Center's Legacy Hall. The cost is \$49 per person, which includes dinner and entertainment. Tickets may be purchased through the Honeywell Center Box Office, 275 W. Market St., by phone at 260-563-1102 or by visiting www.honeywellarts.org.

Manchester Symphony Orchestra announces 83rd season

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Debra Lynn heads into its 83rd season with these concerts in the works: Holiday Concert on Dec. 12, 2021, in Cordier features the Carol Symphony by Victor Hely-Hutchinson, Sleigh Ride by Frederick Delius, March Militaire by Franz Schubert and The Skater's Waltz by Émile Waldeufel. Trailblazers is March 13, 2022, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana. It celebrates African-American composer Florence Price and her Symphony No. 1 in E minor. The concert will also feature high school and college winners of the orchestra's concerto competition. Spaces on May 15, 2022, in Cordier is the final concert of the season, showcasing the world premiere of Lynn's five-movement concerto titled Spaces, written specifically for guest artist Derek Reeves. He is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. All concerts are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Masks and social distancing are required.

American Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity

An American Red Cross blood drive in honor of Kole Adamiec, 6, of North Manchester, who is fighting cancer, has been scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at Manchester Elementary School, 301 S. River Road, North Manchester. To donate blood, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

Angela 'Angie' Kay Blocher

Jan. 31, 1958 – Oct. 26, 2021

Angela "Angie" Kay Blocher, age 63 of Warsaw, IN passed away unexpectedly in her home on Oct. 26, 2021.

Angie was born to Howard Wayne and Shirley Anise (Rainey) Shelton on Jan. 31, 1958 in Fostoria, Ohio. She graduated from Sacramento High School in Sacramento, CA. She married Alan Blocher of Laketon, IN on Feb. 15, 1981. They were married for 10 years and had a son, Nathan Alan Blocher. Angie's career as a bookkeeper and administrative assistant took her different places, eventually finishing with retiring from Creighton Bros. She enjoyed reading, watching softball games, traveling, especially by semi, and she liked watching racing, with her favorite being dirt track sprint car racing. She also spent time going on plane rides, camping and fishing with her long-time friend Marty Sacks before his death last year. She also loved spending time hanging out or chatting with her family. She had a big heart for people and was known to say "That's a heck of a deal!" when things were going well for someone.

Angie will be dearly missed by her son, Nathan Blocher (Sabrina Schoolcraft); her granddaughter, Kiera Blocher; her nieces, Lara (Steven) McDowell; and Danielle Brock



(Jon Morris); her nephew, Jesse (Shari) Shelton; 5 great-nieces and 2 great-nephews; her aunt, Marilyn (Gary) Auck; and many more.

Angie was preceded in death by her parents; her grandparents; her brother, Jeffery Wayne Shelton; and her great-niece, Leah Shelton.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home (115 S. Main St. Bourbon, IN 46504). Burial to follow at Lakeview Cemetery (Myrtle Glen Dr., Silver Lake, IN 46982).

Thank you to all our friends and community for your support during this difficult time.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is privileged to be entrusted in assisting the family with arrangements.

A life well lived

Ross Douthat has a powerful new book about his battle with chronic Lyme disease. In "The Deep Places: A Memoir of Illness and Discovery,"

Kathryn Lopez



drew Walther, who died a year ago.

Douthat describes Andrew as "a Knight of Columbus and energetic global diplomat who was saving Middle Eastern Christians from the Islamic State while I was wandering around our rural property and dosing myself with tetracycline and tweeting against Trump. He and his wife had their fourth child just a couple of months before

we had ours, and then it happened: a leukemia diagnosis in the middle of the pandemic."

I remember it all too well. I had gotten a text from Andrew, who was in the emergency room: "Please pray." By that evening, he called to tell me he had been diagnosed with leukemia. I was flabbergasted. How could such a tireless man, always working to help others, be stricken down so young?

Andrew's wife, Maureen, is amazing. Spending time with the family is both beautiful and heartbreaking. Faith makes it possible to keep going, even if Andrew's untimely death doesn't make sense. Watching Maureen makes me pray more for all single parents. It takes such perseverance and courage. All parenthood does. But without a partner, all the more so.

As Douthat chronicles, Andrew's cancer treatment seemed to be going well, until it wasn't. Some of our last conversations were about experimental treatments. I don't know

if he knew his time was coming to an end, but in the final days, we were making plans to meet – in New York after his doctor visit, or over at the house in Connecticut. Because of COVID, I hadn't even met my goddaughter, his youngest daughter. But everything went too fast. I met her at the vespers service the night before his funeral Mass and burial.

Andrew died on All Saints Day, which is fitting. Andrew was selfless. He felt called by God to help the Christians suffering persecution in Iraq and throughout the world. There are Christians living in Erbil today because of actions Andrew took with the Knights of Columbus. A university has opened there because of so much of his work.

I hear a dorm will be named in his honor.

When Douthat was first showing the debilitating symptoms of Lyme, he was not being diagnosed correctly.

He thought he was having heart attacks, as doctors dismissed him as mentally ill. What a cross to bear, and for someone so smart and capable. Reflecting on Andrew and it all, Douthat is grateful for "the chance to keep fighting," to not burden his family with his absence, even if he is now a husband and father in "a diminished state." I have no doubt "The Deep Places" will be a gift for many. It is for me. I'm grateful that he paid tribute to our friend, reminding us to love in the time we have.

We best not be deluded by false security. Be grateful for life, and keep moving forward together in the hope that even the joys – and certainly the pain – are not all there is.

Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book "A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living." She is also chair of Cardinal Dolan's pro-life commission in New York. She can be contacted at klopez@nationalreview.com.

Parkview Wabash Hospital recognized for excellence in infant and maternal health

STAFF REPORT

Parkview Wabash Hospital was recently recognized by the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA), in partnership with Gov. Eric J. Holcomb and State Health Commissioner Kris Box, MD, FACOG, for its commitment to infant and maternal health, according to public relations specialist Leslie Megison.

The announcement was made at the second annual INspire Hospital of Distinction recognition program, held as a virtual event.

INspire, funded by the Indiana Department of Health’s Safety PIN grant, was developed to implement the delivery of best-practice care for Hoosier moms and babies and recognize hospitals for excellence in addressing key drivers of infant and maternal health.

Parkview Wabash earned the Hospital of Distinction recognition based on implementing best practices in six key areas, including infant safe sleep, breastfeeding, tobacco prevention and cessation, perinatal substance use, obstetric hemorrhage and maternal hypertension.

“We’re so pleased to receive this recognition of our Family Birthing Center team’s focus on measures that get our moms and babies off to a strong start together,” Parkview Wabash vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer Cathy Wolfe said. “We want every family to have a safe, healthy birthing experience that supports their needs and gives moms the tools to feel confident in caring for their little ones.”

Also earning the Hospital of Distinction recognition were Parkview DeKalb

Hospital, Parkview Huntington Hospital, Parkview Noble Hospital, Parkview Whitley Hospital, Parkview Hospital Randallia and Parkview Regional Medical Center. Parkview LaGrange Hospital was recognized in the 2021 Category of Excellence for demonstrating success in safe sleep, breastfeeding and perinatal substance use.

“Indiana hospitals are grateful for the leadership of Gov. Holcomb and Dr. Box and are thrilled to be a partner in Indiana’s effort to reduce infant mortality,” said IHA President Brian Tabor. “We look forward to building on the progress we’ve made.”

IHA serves as the professional trade association for more than 170 acute care, critical access, behavioral health, and other specialized hospitals in Indiana.

Collins joins Manchester as director of institutional effectiveness

She comes to Manchester from Tiffin University in Ohio

By ANNE GREGORY



Provided photo

Kristina Collins has been named director of institutional effectiveness at Manchester University.

Collins also has served as an associate professor at several institutions, teaching supply-chain management processes.

and organizational management courses.

She holds a doctorate in business administration and is a Six Sigma Green Belt.

Collins was also a founding partner in a training and consulting company that worked with the manufacturing and service sectors to increase quality and efficiency in their processes and personnel management.

She is a Fort Wayne native. An avid traveler, Collins has visited 26 countries, including Mongolia, Russia and Greece.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

BEST OF

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To add a business that may have been left out of the nominations, please email publisher Kelly Miller at kmiller@pmginmi.com immediately. Some categories currently have no entrants and will go unrecognized unless entrants are added.

The winners of this year’s contest will be announced in a special section in the Saturday, Nov. 20 edition of the newspaper.

The categories are listed under 10 groups, including:

- Greatest Entertainment**
 - Bingo: Elk’s Bingo or The MusicMakers.
 - Festival or Event: Kunkle Cruise-In, Peabody Tulip Festival or Wabash County 4-H Fair.
 - Live Theatre: Honeywell Center or Wabash Area Community Theater’s “Sister Act.”
 - (Bowling Center and Golf Course categories are currently unfilled.)
- Greatest Food**
 - Family Restaurant: Habanero Grill and Cantina, Pizza King or The Fried Egg.
 - Casual Restaurant: Market Street Grill, Pizza King or The Fried Egg.
 - Fine Dining: Market Street Grill, Pizza King or Twenty.
 - Sports Bar or Pub: 950 Speakeasy Bistro or Harry’s Old Kettle Pub & Grill.
 - Pizza: Goodfella’s Pizza LLC, Papa John’s or Pizza King.
 - Breakfast: Bob Evans, The Fried Egg or Twenty.
 - Prime Rib: Market Street Grill, Poole’s Meat Market or The Inn Pub and Grill in North Manchester.
 - Sandwich: 950 Speakeasy Bistro, Harry’s Old Kettle Pub & Grill or Pizza King.
 - Steak: Market Street Grill or Poole’s Meat Market.
 - Chicken: KFC, Market Street Grill or Poole’s Meat Market.
 - Coffee: 50 East Garden Center & Cafe, Kenapoco-Mocha or Modoc’s Market.
 - Hamburger: Burger King, Country Family in North Manchester or Harry’s Old Kettle Pub & Grill.

- Pork Tenderloin: Harry’s Old Kettle Pub & Grill, The Fried Egg or The Inn Pub and Grill in North Manchester.
- Ice Cream: Chillz Ice Cream Shop, Kelly’s Ice Cream or Mike and Roxie’s Ice Cream Shop.
- Asian Food: New Asian Buffet, Ninja Express or Tim’s Thai To Go.
- Mexican Food: El Mesquite in North Manchester, Habanero Grill and Cantina or Mi Pueblos.
- (Italian Food, Greek Food, Chicken Wings, Cake or Desserts, Greatest BBQ and Greatest Buffet categories are currently unfilled.)

- Greatest People**
 - Bank Teller: Lane Staley of Bippus State Bank, Ria Cole of Beacon or Sheere Fuller of Flagstar.
 - Bartender: Marcia Cruz or Teizo Fox.
 - Server: Jordan at The Fried Egg.
 - Teacher: Ms. Halverson of the Heartland Career Center, Mrs. McWhirt of OJ Neighbours or Whitney Myers of Wabash High School.
 - Minister or Pastor: Scott Johnson of New Life Baptist Church, Tim Prater or Tony Mercer.
 - Accountant: Paul McCann.
 - Insurance Agent: Todd Adams.
 - Interior Designer: Kelli Winer or Timothy Sommers.
 - Realtor: Andrea Markham, Bob Lundquist or Lesley Vigar.
 - Attorney: Bryan Michaud, Jordan Tandy or Richard Fisher.
 - Veterinarian: Dr. Biehl, Dr. Peggy Lewis of Manchester Vet Clinic or Lauren McWhirt.
 - Financial Advisor: Amy Sullivan, Dave Mann or Wayne Denger.
 - Car Salesman: Emmet McIlvenny or Scott Carlin of Shepherd’s Family Auto Group.
 - Stylist: Caleigh Holmes of Salon 135, Carrie Pennington of Honeycomb, Cherish Givens at White Raine or Heather Allen at Lady of the House.
 - Nail Technician: Aimee Emrick of Get Nailed, Natalie Gibson of Kay Rae Boutique or Tiffany La of Sky Nails.

- Greatest Businesses**
 - Place to work: Dorias Chevrolet Buick GMC, Manchester University or Webb’s Family Pharmacy #3.
 - Not-for-profit business: 85 Hope, Wabash County Museum or Wabash County Solid Waste Management.
 - Pre-School or Day Care: LaFontaine Learning Community, LH Carpenter or Little Friends Day Care.
 - (Banquet Facility and Funeral Home categories are currently unfilled.)

- Greatest Auto Services**
 - New Car Dealer: Dorias Chevrolet Buick GMC.
 - Pre-Owned Car Dealer: Dorias Chevrolet Buick GMC.
 - Auto Repair: Bud’s Auto Repair, Dorias Chevrolet Buick GMC or Kirtlan Automotive.
 - Auto Detailing: Pro Auto Detail.
 - Car Wash: Auto Laundry Car Wash.
 - Oil Change: Dorias Chevrolet Buick GMC or Frimood Tire & Alignment.
 - Towing: Northside Wrecker Service.
 - Motorcycle Dealer: Brandt’s Harley Davidson.

- Greatest Home Services**
 - Carpet Cleaner: Stanley Steemer.
 - Electrician: Jones Contracting, Inc.
 - Home Improvement: BlackRoad Construction in Akron.
 - Landscaping Company: Joe Dirt Landscaping, Metzger Landscaping & Garden Center or Nate’s Lawn & Landscape LLC.
 - Garden Center: Metzger Landscaping & Garden Center.
 - Heating and Cooling: Jones Contracting, Inc. or Mann’s.
 - Floor Covering: Hoosier Flooring.
 - Plumbing: Jones Contracting, Inc.
 - (Air Duct Cleaning category is currently unfilled.)

- Greatest Personal Care Services**
 - Gym or Fitness Facility: Wabash CrossFit or YMCA.
 - Hair Salon: Lady of the House, Twisted Scissors or

- WMS NINE-WEEK HONOR ROLL**
 - Wabash Middle School (WMS) has announced its honor roll for the first nine weeks, according to a press release.
 - Fifth Grade High Honor Roll:** Brooklyn Arrowood, Kasey Black, Mason Braun, Ezekiel Byers, Callan Campbell, Emma Cantrell, Tinsley Crace, Eliza Denney, Tristan Gardner, Mya Golliher, Harper Hanes, Paul Harper, Evelyn Hipskind, Lucas Kaufman, Liam Loshier, Emily McCoart, Chase Miller, Maddox Mln-dach, Ava Moorman, Baelee Noland, Ian Rose, Jake Sailors, Landon Schuler, Kinley Stirckler, Daisy Till, Mckinley Vandlandingham and Reed Wiles.
 - Fifth Grade Regular Honor Roll:** Emmie Baker, McKenley Baker, Ayla Barber, Tayelin Bechtold, Christopher Bel-li-Maloga, Hailey Berry, Jenna Burton, Elijah Dafee, Treyce Daughtry, Samuel Eppley, Keaton Fairchild, Tobius Fettif, Layla Garner, Cadence Gatch-el, Aubrey Hanes, Robbery Harris II, Kyndal Harris-Le-master, Gracie Hicks, Camdyn Hinkle, Leven Indrutz, Landon Johnson, Alexis Keirse, Lillian Kelley, Brynn Lindsay, Ken-dylan Lochner, Victoria Lopez,
 - Olivia Mathis, Zach Miller, Kira Parrett, Carter Pegg, Karter Prater, Sofia Pries, Alyssa Rose, Micah Spring, Sienna Stoffel, Lillian Vanhooose and Noah White.
 - Sixth Grade High Honor Roll:** Carson Amburgey, Kait-lyn Brewer, Quinnlynn Camp-bell, Kaylence Cole, Noah Glenn, Gabriel LePage, Michael LePage, Ellie Proffitt, Emma Selleck, Taylin Shep-herd, Alyssa Sheridan, Martha Steller, Layla Stevens, Beatrix Thomas and Zoe Vail.
 - Sixth Grade Regular Honor Roll:** Tannis Barber, Christian Bean, Gracie Bearman, Tip Bolen, Preston Cantrell, Alaura Cressell, Ian Edmond, Piper Ellet, Riley Flack, Ella Harrell, Adrian Haughn, Carly Hayslett, Colyn Heitz, Carlee Honeycutt, Alexis Indrutz Makenzie Krieger, Anneleissa Lujan, Ava Lynn, Aiden Mahan, Madalyn Mertz, Jabin Miles, Kamden Oswalt, Jack Payton, Rayanna Plotner, Maddisyn Poe, Gabberillah Rojas, Noah Sarll, Pasyn Schuler, Ayanna Sellers, Kyrsten Simmons, Mackey Sorg, Lily Stevens, Grace Teague, Caleb Thompson, Quenten Titus, Olivia Wilkin and Addison Wischman.
 - Seventh Grade High Honor**
- Seventh Grade Regular Honor Roll:** Makenna Bechtold, Chloe Cooper, Mia Fairchild, Violet George, Alyana Mettler, Averie Turner and Harley Zumbrum.
 - Eighth Grade High Honor Roll:** Ava Bishir, Kalli Davis, Kendall France, Maya Howard, Jaycee Jones, Victoria Kosel-ke, Cooper Long, Alison McCoart, Danielle Sarll, Andrea Stout and Logan Wright.
 - Eighth Grade Regular Honor Roll:** Karlee Bearman, William Brewer, Caidan Bur-chett, Wyatt Enyeart-Howard, Aaliyah Frasure, Haylee Friend, Drew Guenin, Matthew Hipskind, Raegan Jones, Laney Maple, Elias Mattern, Evelyn Myers, Aaliyah Perry, Derek Reed and Brett Shull.

Both sides ask Indiana high court to decide on emergency law

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana’s attorney general continues to criticize Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb for trying to block a new law that gives state legislators more power to intervene during public health emergencies, even while agreeing that the state Supreme Court should take up the dispute.

The attorney general’s office said in a court filing late Monday that it supports the Supreme Court taking over the governor’s case after a

Marion County judge ruled last month that the state constitution gives the General Assembly the authority to determine when and for how long it will meet.

The Republican-dominated Legislature enacted the law, despite Holcomb’s veto, following conservative criticism of a statewide mask mandate and other COVID-19 restrictions that Holcomb imposed by executive orders in the early days of the pandemic last year.

The measure establishes a process under which legislative leaders can call

the General Assembly into an “emergency session.” Holcomb’s lawsuit argues that the law violates a state constitutional provision that says only the governor can call the Legislature into a special session.

The attorney general’s office, representing the Legislature, argued in its new court filing that urgent court action was not needed because the “emergency session” procedure hasn’t been used and the formal start of the next regular session on Nov. 16 will allow the Legislature to meet until mid-March 2022.

- Uptown Style.

 - Barber Shop: Center Court Barber Shop, Curts or Ned’s Southside Barbershop.
 - Pet Grooming: Bark of All Trades, LLC.
 - Nail Salon: Get Nailed, Natalie Gibson or Sky Nails.
 - Tattoo Studio: Filament Tattoo Company, Steel Rose Tattoo Studio or Steel Rose Tattoo Studio.
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- Greatest Local Shopping**
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- Supermarket: Bechtols, Kroger or Rabers Kountry Store LLC.
 - Antiques: Brimso’s Antiques or Lighthouse Missions Wabash.
 - Appliances: Good Appliance or Wabash Appliance.
 - Hardware: Do It Best.
 - Meat Market or Butcher: Kroger or Poole’s Meat Market.
 - (Furniture, Shoe Store, Jewelry, Liquor or Beer or Wine, Mattresses, Pet Store and Pools or Hot Tubs categories are currently unfilled.)
- Greatest Financial Services**
 - Bank: Bippus State Bank, Crossroads Bank or Flagstar.
 - Credit Union: Beacon.
 - Place To Get a Loan: Crossroads Bank or Flagstar Bank.
 - Place To Get a Mortgage: Crossroads, Flagstar Bank or

- Ruoff.
- Place To Get a Car Loan: Beacon or Crossroads.
 - (Investment Company category is currently unfilled.)
- Greatest Medical Services**
 - Senior Assisted Living Facility: Wellbrooke of Wabash.
 - Retirement Center: Peabody Retirement Community.
 - (Hospice, Home Health Care, Rehabilitation Center, Cardiologist, Chiropractor, Nurse, Oncologist, Optometrist, Orthodontist, Pediatrician, Pharmacy, Physical or Occupational Therapist, Podiatrist, Surgeon, Family Doctor, Massage Therapy and Hearing Professional categories are currently unfilled.)
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The Northfield girls team celebrates after the county championship game in December 2020.

Revamped Northfield girls basketball team primed for a successful season

Season opening game is set for Thursday, Nov. 4

By **CLAY MAXFIELD**
Wabash Plain Dealer
Freelance Reporter

Northfield's varsity girls basketball team is prepping for their season opener on Thursday, Nov. 4 but with a youthful roster taking the helm after last season's successful tourney run, the Norse are ready to make their mark this season.

"They're kids that work hard and they want to get after it. It's just going to be letting them gel. We lost a pretty good class that played a lot together so these girls just need to get some game experience so they can learn about each other and learn the ins and outs of what it's going to take to be successful," said Northfield head

coach Brandon Baker.

With three seniors in Emily Pennington, Addy Rosen and Ainsley Dale, Northfield will look at their remaining four sophomores and two juniors to replace the graduating class of a year ago that took the Norsemen to semi-state where they fell to eventual state title winner, Pioneer.

The roster isn't the only thing that will look different on Thursday night when they host Mississinewa. Baker, Northfield's varsity softball and football coach, is looking to take over the reins after last season's Melissa Allen departed from the program.

Allen coached Northfield for the last six seasons while going 110-43 on the way to two semi-state appearances.

Baker spent the last two seasons on the varsity bench along with coaching the Norse's softball program to their first-ever softball state championship, an advantage

that he has found will allow him to transition easily this season in his new role.

"I've been around them so I'm not just coming in blind," Baker said. "Now it's just the little things of trying to figure out who can do what and what's going to be the best scenario for them to be successful."

As a team, Northfield will look to inflict their will on opponents in the half-court setting while relying on their post presence in Hannah Holmes and Emily Pennington.

"If we can get it down to Hannah and Emily, that's going to create a lot of problems because then they're both good enough to make post moves and score. If they come down on them, we should be able to get some kick-outs and just have to make some shots," Baker said.

"It's going to be just us taking care of the ball and not panicking and just do-

ing what we need to do to be successful."

Northfield will look to replace nearly 77 percent of their offensive production as four seniors from last season averaged double figures in scoring throughout the season.

Hannah Holmes returns as the team's most impactful player offensively from last season, averaging nearly five points a game in the Norse's deep tournament run.

While Northfield may have a learning curve to get over in terms of their youth and depth, Baker's number one goal for his team is to ensure they're improving each night.

"Just always work towards the goal of winning," Baker said. "As long as they compete, work hard, get better each game, then that's all I'm going to ask of them."

Clay Maxfield, Wabash Plain Dealer freelance reporter, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplaindealer.com.

County XC alum have mixed results at state

By **ROY CHURCH**

TERRE HAUTE — It was not the ending the Columbus North boys cross country team was looking for.

The defending IHSAA state champions had been ranked no.1 throughout most of the season and were expected to make it two in a row.

But No. 3 Indianapolis Brebeuf Jesuit had other ideas. So the two teams swapped places. Last year Brebeuf finished third; this year it was the Bull Dogs in third place.

Much to the disappointment of Andy Keffaber, a former Northfield cross country standout and assistant coach of the Columbus North boys team.

The one shining light for the Bull Dogs was that senior Reese Kilbarger-Stumpff won the individual title in 15:22.8, one second ahead of last year's champion, Izaiah Steury of Angola. And he also took the prestigious IHSAA Mental Attitude Award.

"Brebeuf was favored coming into the season," Andy said, "based on last year's results and who was coming back. But their two top runners were injured much of the season."

"We were disappointed, of course," he continued. "But with those top runners back, they were the class of the field."

"The fact that Reese ran a phenomenal race to edge Steury and win the Mental Attitude Award, that was awesome."

Brebeuf was the semi-state winner at Shelbyville, while Columbus North was the winner at Brown County. Hamilton Southeastern, ranked no. 2 in the state

coming into Saturday's finals at the Lavern Gibson Championship Course here, finished second. It was the New Haven semi-state champion.

No.6 Fishers finished fourth and no. 5 Carmel was fifth.

No. 18 Valparaiso, the New Prairie semi-state winner, finished 15th.

On the girls side Saturday, no. 18 Avon, where former Wabash standout Mary (Cosby) Abramson and her daughter, Makayla, are assistant coaches, finished 18th.

Avon's top finisher was sophomore Jessica Hege-dus, who was 31st overall in 19:29.5. The 2021 champion was junior Lily Cridge of Indianapolis Bishop Chatard in 17:32.7.

"It was an amazing experience for the girls," Mary said. "The seniors worked their tails off to make it the state meet. They stepped up in a big way with huge PRs (personal records) at semi-state to make it out. We were 37th at the beginning of the season."

"We lose three of our top seven next year, but our top three return as well as a strong freshman," she continued. "Our returnees feel they have some unfinished business to take care of."

Wabash County did not have any teams or individuals competing in the state finals this year.

In other cross country news this past week, Wabash junior Dave Ford was named to the 2021 Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches Academic All-State Team and Manchester senior Ainsley West and Wabash junior Eli Callahan received honorable mention.



Provided photo

The Spartans played well against the Lions in opening set, building as big as a six-point lead en route to a 25-22 triumph.

Spartans volleyball team clinches first HCAC berth since '16

By **DILLON BENDER**

The Manchester University volleyball team honored its senior captain Samantha Campbell on Saturday afternoon with an on-court Senior Day ceremony ahead of its match against Mount St. Joseph.

Riding the emotion of Senior Day, the Spartans played well against the Lions in opening set, building as big as a six-point lead en route to a 25-22 triumph.

Mount St. Joseph (18-8, 8-1 HCAC) settled themselves and went on to claim the next three sets by tallies of 25-16, 25-15, and 25-20 for the four-set victory.

Halle Planck, from Gas City and Mississinewa High School, led Manchester with 13 kills and 3 solo blocks while Samantha Campbell, from Brownsburg, and Joy Maze, from Greenwood and Greenwood Community High School, added 9 kills.

Jordan Holland, from Osceola and Mishawaka High School, led Manchester with 29 assists while He-

laina Walters, from Marion and Eastbrook High School, paced the Spartans with 19 digs.

Grace Young (12) and Emily Abshire (11) led MSJ in kills. Sam Buschur paced the Lions with 34 assists. Three different Lions finished in double figures in digs.

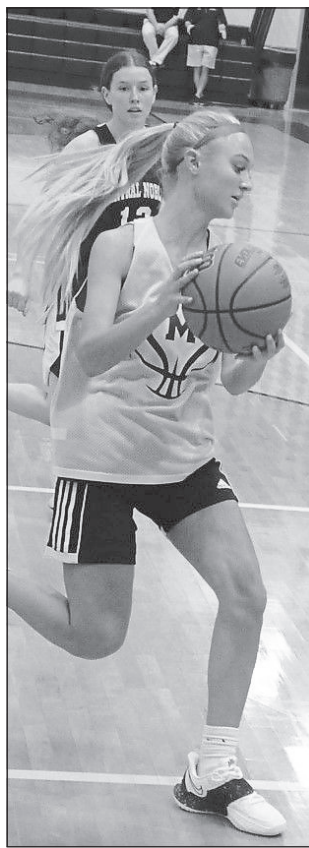
Despite the loss, the Spartans (11-15, 3-6 HCAC) clinched the No. 6 seed in next week's Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament — marking Manchester's first conference tournament appearance since 2016. The Black and Gold have orchestrated a 10-win improvement this season.

The Spartans will travel to No. 3 seed Transylvania University on Wednesday, Nov. 3 for a 7 p.m. showdown with the Pioneers.

The Lions of Mount St. Joseph will be the no. 2 seed and will earn a first round bye in this year's HCAC Tournament.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

MANCHESTER GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM PLAYS SCRIMMAGE AGAINST CENTRAL NOBLE



Photos by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer

ABOVE: The Lady Squires' Trinity Atkins, no. 15, rebounds against Central Noble.

TOP LEFT: The Lady Squires play defense Saturday afternoon against Central Noble.

BOTTOM LEFT: The Lady Squires will play Wawasee High School on Wednesday evening.

TOP RIGHT: The Lady Squires' Trinity Atkins defends against Central Noble's Ashleigh Gray on Saturday at MHS.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The Lady Squires' Trinity Atkins grabs a rebound during scrimmage action against Central Noble on Saturday afternoon at MHS.

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Philippians 4:19

Metastasized: Facebook's metamorphosis to Meta

Fallout from the 2007 killing of 17 Iraqi civilians by contractors working for contractor Blackwater triggered the company's 2009 rebranding as Xe Services. When Xe sought to further shed its skin in 2012, it renamed itself again, this time going by Academi. In 2014, a merger with a rival yielded yet another moniker: Constellis Group.

The death of millions of Americans to lung cancer, and tobacco litigation proving Philip Morris and other tobacco giants had engineered their products to addict people, preceded the company's 2003 rebranding to Altria. ("Moving Beyond Smoking," shouts its website.)

Those reincarnations, Facebook would like the whole world to know, are not the examples it is

following as, on the eve of Halloween, it puts on a new costume and trashes what it has called itself since 2005, when it sawed the article off The Facebook. No no, this is much more like Google in 2015 deciding to declare itself much more than just a search engine by rechristening its corporate parent Alphabet.

So Facebook will henceforth be called Meta, and this certainly has nothing to do with the fact that it is hauled before Congress and otherwise called to the carpet to answer a swirl of scandals, including that it disregarded internal research about Instagram's risk to teenagers' mental health; kicked back while poisonous disinformation spread during the last two presidential elections; has done far too little to safeguard users' privacy; and

generally, according to a trove of internal documents, used its near-monopoly power to ill effect.

It's "ridiculous," says CEO Mark Zuckerberg, to think there's any connection between all of this and the corporate behemoth now known as Meta. The name change, something like Prince becoming a symbol, is merely meant to express the fact that the company has grown and keeps growing, and that its major future play will be building a metaverse, a virtual world in which people interact with one another using avatars.

That explanation probably gets lots of heads nodding in the metaverse of Zuckerberg's imagination.

This editorial was first published in the New York Daily News.



Who can fix our supply chain issues?

Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg received a great deal of criticism lately for taking paternity leave. It is a time of snarled port traffic, understocked grocery shelves and growing worry about supply chains. I think these critiques are in bad faith and unworthy of an intellectually confident political movement. But, that's where we are now. Congress could spend serious effort to ease logistics problems in any number of ways; the private sector is already at work. Outside of complaints about Mr. Buttigieg, Congress has been silent on the matter. Let me make three points.



Michael Hicks

First, parental leave policies are nothing new for the federal government. These policies, which apply to both parents for childbirth and adoption, intend to reduce workplace disparities arising from the absence of women during and after childbirth. The evidence remains mixed; still, it is federal policy. If a cabinet secretary were to skip his parental leave, it would signal further down the chain that family matters are not important. One may disagree with Mr. Buttigieg on issues of policy, but his leadership has been exemplary. Moreover, if the nation's best-known same-sex couple were to ignore their parental leave, it would be dereliction of duty. Leaders set the example; otherwise this policy would have no teeth and no chance of affecting workplace disparities.

Secondly, the executive branch is mostly powerless to address issues of clogged ports, full trains or too few truck drivers, outside of issuing a constitutionally dubious emergency order to suspend industry rules. We should be thankful that the executive branch does not possess this sort of power – or at least that's what conservatives used to believe.

As the legislative branch,

Congress could do much to ease shipping backlogs. They could repeal the Jones Act, which prevents multiple port calls by non-U.S. flagged ships and keeps most international shipping from our internal waterways. The Jones Act is a prime causal factor in limiting the number of U.S. ports and which types of shipping can access smaller ports across the country. It is legislation that creates artificial shortages.

The Jones Act results in fewer ports of entry and more power to the International Longshoreman Association, resulting in antiquated U.S. port technology. Today, American seaports are the most technologically backward and least-automated ports in the developed world. It will take us years to catch up to China because the lack of competition allows the ILA to effectively set automation policies. A GOP Congress could have fixed this while Mr. Trump was in office, and a Democratic Congress can fix it now.

Congress could tackle logistics issues by (1) investing in truck platooning and rest facilities that would ease congestion in major cities, or (2) adjusting driver sleep requirements to allow truckers to time their routes to avoid heavy congestion points while increasing total sleep on a trip, or (3) changing the age restrictions for interstate commercial driver's licenses, or (4) allowing Mexican trucking firms to deliver goods into the U.S.

All of these could've been done by the GOP when President Trump had majorities in both houses, and they could be done by the Democrats today. None of this requires the Secretary of Transportation to be present; he is in the executive branch of government.

Thirdly, the private markets, not the Department of Transportation, will remedy supply chain problems. I'm just old enough to remember a bold and intellectually rigorous political movement whose members took every chance they could to remind us of the power of the private sector. Those folks are mostly gone, so I'll spirit those ideas back

onto this page.

The most obvious example lies in labor markets for truck drivers. Inflation-adjusted wages for truck drivers is now below that of the late 1990s. There is not now, nor has there ever been, a truck driver shortage. Rather, we just needed this pandemic to remind folks that that labor markets have both a demand and supply side. The false claims of a trucker shortage were so loud that many states fully subsidize CDL training. Indiana even added a K-12 career pathway for truckers that started in sixth grade, which should embarrass every Hoosier. And, do not be fooled by help wanted ads promising high wages; actual wages in the occupation lag well behind the advertised wage.

The rail industry slashed its workforce over the past decade, eliminating nearly one in three jobs since the early 2010s. Employment and wages for railroad workers are beneath the 2015 levels. So, despite record rail shipments, the industry has a smaller wage bill before accounting for inflation. Wages in this industry have crept upwards by 1.1 percent per year. Any labor market problems in this industry are to be found in the HR departments, not the trains.

These examples make it look like the private sector caused the supply chain problems, but it did not. In fact, the private sector is handling this entire issue well, given the somnolence of Congress. Domestic manufacturing GDP hit a new inflation-adjusted record this year. Second Quarter 2021 was the single highest quarter of manufacturing GDP production in U.S. history.

At the same time, imports of goods are at an all-time, inflation-adjusted record level. Americans are buying more domestically produced goods and importing more from overseas than at any time in history. For the most part, the empty shelves seem to be due less to the supply of trucks, rail and shipping, and more to our growing demand for goods.

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Censorship creeps into the curriculum when it goes unchallenged

By **FERN SCHUMER CHAPMAN**

Scholars and historians who investigate the Holocaust categorize those involved into three groups: the perpetrators, the victims, and the bystanders. Countless bystanders witnessed horrific abuses, then atrocities, in complicit silence. Their inaction enabled the perpetrators to carry out an appalling campaign of mass murder.

School board members in Southlake, Texas – one of the state's top-ranked districts – showed themselves as bystanders in giving "the benefit of the doubt" to a school administrator who had instructed teachers to provide books offering "opposing perspectives" on the Holocaust. School officials explained that this is required under a new Texas law restricting how teachers can present historical and current events, including the Holocaust and America's history of racism. They also were accommodating a group of parents who have been fighting for more than a year to obstruct new diversity and inclusion programs.

They are not alone. This gathering threat will radically alter what America's children are taught about the Holocaust and other histories of marginalized people. Alarming, several states have introduced similar measures under pressure from parents who oppose teaching about racism, anti-LGBTQ bigotry, and other prejudices, often under the false label of critical race theory.

Censorship and revisionist history went unaddressed in Southlake, where school superintendent Lane Ledbetter quickly walked back the school administrator's remarks. No one, she said in a statement, meant "to convey that the Holocaust was anything less than a terrible event in history. Additionally, we recognize there are not two sides of the Holocaust."

While it's reassuring to hear that the school district conceded there are not two sides to the Holocaust, this tone-deaf "apology" is filled with timid, oblivious, complicit language. The Holocaust was not "a terrible event"; it was one of history's most heinous crimes against humanity.

We are seeing exactly how Nazis gained traction – in small steps. School officials in Southlake had an opportunity to take a stand, confront a wrong, and lead opposition to a dangerous mandate.

"If I were the superintendent," Southlake alumnus Jake Berman told the school board, "I would say, 'We're not going to take part in this law.'" Berman also described the severe anti-Jewish bullying he endured in the district two decades ago. He said the slurs drove him to contemplate suicide and led to depression, even in adulthood. Berman also pointed out that the school's inaction feeds a culture where more anti-Jewish prejudice and racism can thrive.

"The message you and the state are sending to your teachers opens the door for more of this type of [bullying] behavior in your students," he said. "If you don't think that these same attacks are happening in your schools today with regard to someone's skin color, gender or religion, you are sorely mistaken."

In the classroom, the likely result is a chilling effect on teaching anything at all about the Holocaust. Teachers may fear reprisal and even the loss of their jobs should they fail to conform to the new law.

What we're seeing here is the proverbial frog in a pot of water. The temperature gradually, almost imperceptibly, heats up. Holocaust revisionism starts with little steps that cast doubt on the absolute reality of a brutal, systemic, painstakingly recorded slaughter. Slowly, but intentionally, these revisionists are working to deny that reality, dulling our revulsion to atrocity while establishing anti-Jewish bigotry as normal.

Since the publication of my first book, "Motherland," my mother and I have shared her story with students at hundreds of schools. In 1938, when she was 12, she fled Nazi Germany, coming to America as an unaccompanied minor. In all our school presentations, addressing thousands of students, not once have we been asked about "opposing views." The questions we invariably receive are: "Why are Jews targeted? Why do people hate Jews so much? How could the world let this happen?"

These are serious questions demanding complex answers, which can be developed only through the use of critical thinking skills – precisely what dedicated and sensitive teachers hope to impart to their students.

One of my life's overarching goals has been to cultivate empathy in the hearts of students. As teachers, as parents, as Americans, we all must find the courage to speak out against bullying, prejudice, and isolation. My hope is that students will develop the moral fortitude to act with respect and compassion and become assertive citizens of conscience.

"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor," Desmond Tutu, a South African Anglican cleric and theologian, awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work as an anti-apartheid and human rights activist, has said. "If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse, and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality."

In its cowardly failure to speak out against an unconscionable state law – or even its own administrator – the Southlake school board demonstrates neutrality the mouse would not appreciate. It's modeling, for students and our nation, exactly how to be a complicit bystander.

Fern Schumer Chapman has written several books documenting her mother's experiences during and after the Holocaust, including "Motherland," "Is It Night or Day?" and "Brothers, Sisters, Strangers."

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MEMORIAL

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continuation of the state of emergency declaration, Daugherty said they had decided to cancel the event. However, Daugherty said Veterans Day services will be held at noon Thursday, Nov. 11 on the Wabash County Courthouse North Lawn.

“These services are open to the public and are being conducted by the Veterans Organizations of Wabash County and their Associated Auxiliaries,” said Daugherty.

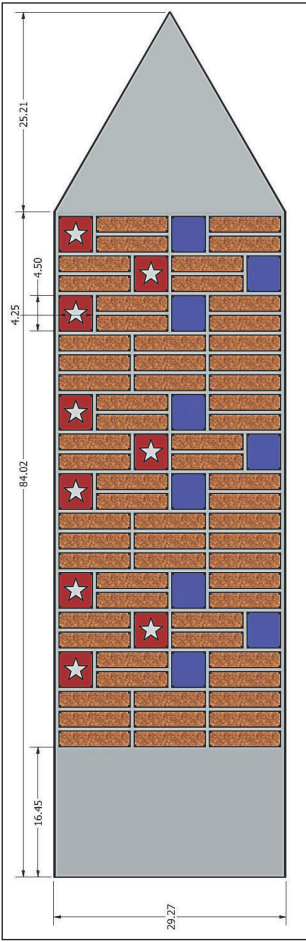
The schedule of events will include an invocation; the national anthem; remarks by Mayor Scott Long; remarks by Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington; the laying of the wreath; remarks by Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 286 commander Marty Schaaf; remarks by American Legion Post No. 15 commander Steve Conner; the flag ceremony and “Taps”; and the benediction.

“We hope you will join us in honoring those who have served our country,” said Daugherty.

Before that ceremony, though, the city and Visit Wabash County will hold the official dedication for the new Wabash County Hero Memorial at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, just north of the Wabash Street bridge, said marketing manager Whitney Millspaugh.

Parking will be made available at the Splash & Dash Carwash courtesy of Gebhart Holdings. The dedication will be led by Long and Pastor Todd Render and will conclude around 11:30 a.m.

For those unable to attend the Hero Memorial dedication, 105.9 The Bash will offer a Facebook LIVE event.



Provided photos

LEFT: In addition to the names, decorative stars and quotes highlighting the patriotic service of the numerous men and women who have sacrificed for the greater good have been incorporated into the design. **MIDDLE:** The pillars were fabricated locally by Schlemmer Brother's Metal Works and the decorative tiles were engraved by Wabash Engraving. **RIGHT:** The memorial replaces the hero banner program. In September 2019, Visit Wabash County, along with the city, announced the Hometown Hero Banners had been installed and were hanging downtown.

The three stainless steel obelisks were permanently installed by the Wabash City Street Department on Monday, Oct. 18 and showcase over 500 military, police, and fire heroes from Wabash County. The memorial project was created after the success of the hero banner campaign that ended in September.

“The Wabash County Hero Memorial is an excellent example of collaboration,” said Long. “The Visit Wabash County team took the lead on pulling partners together to execute the project. Their collective work, consisting of working with engineer Dave (Hines) from Schlemmer Brothers Metalworks on

the design, laying out each nameplate for the engraver, hand-installing each name, and coordinating the installation of the pillars with the Street Department, has resulted in this incredible memorial.”

The memorial replaces the hero banner program. In September 2019, Visit Wabash County, along with the city, announced the Hometown Hero Banners had been installed and were hanging downtown. The banners were hung alphabetically by the last name starting at the new archway on Wabash Street. This series honored Wabash County veterans who have served or are currently serving in the Army, Navy, Marines,

Air Force and Coast Guard. Members of the fire, police and sheriff’s departments were represented, as well. Out of the 160 lampposts located in downtown Wabash, 134 were initially adorned with Hometown Hero banners, while the remaining 26 hold decorative City Seal and “Mayor Long Welcome” banners that serve as placeholders for Christmas decorations, so no Hometown Hero banners have to come down during the holiday season. They hung in downtown Wabash for two years, will be returned to the purchaser this fall. After that, the next series will be decided.

The Wabash County Hero Memorial project was the

recipient of matching funds from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs’ (OCRA) PEER Community program. Other partners on the project include Wabash Kokomo Vault & Monument who donated the granite base that holds the dedication plaque.

The memorial includes three 7-foot stainless steel pillars with decorative caps. Each pillar has the ability to display the names of 252 “heroes.”

In addition to the names, decorative stars and quotes highlighting the patriotic service of the numerous men and women who have sacrificed for the greater

good have been incorporated into the design.

The pillars were fabricated locally by Schlemmer Brother’s Metal Works and the decorative tiles are being engraved by Wabash Engraving.

Nameplates are still available for purchase by visiting visitwabashcounty.com. Nameplates purchased before March 31, 2022 will be installed by Memorial Day 2022. The cost for each plate is \$100.

For more information, call 260-563-7171 or email tourism@visitwabashcounty.com.

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